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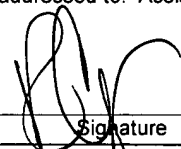
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For: HIV-3 RETROVIRUS AND ITS USE

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 2, 2000**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including November 2, 2000 in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 2, 2000.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct a fee of \$390.00 from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS025--2/KAM which is the process fee for a two month extension of time.

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Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**INNS025--2/KAM**.

Respectfully submitted,



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